

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

Tae-Woong KOO et al..

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For: SURFACE MODIFICATION OF

METALS FOR BIOMOLECULE DETECTION USING SURFACE

ENHANCED RAMAN SCATTERING

(SERS)

Examiner: Melanie J. Yu

Group Art Unit: 1641

Confirmation No.: 7238

PRELIMINAY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the RCE, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.